

SENATE BILL 137

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, relative to school bus drivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-302(d), is amended by deleting the following language:

The department shall not issue a school bus endorsement unless the applicant has had at least five (5) years of unrestricted driving experience prior to the date of application and the department is fully satisfied as to the applicant's good character, competency, and fitness to be so employed.

and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), the department shall not issue a school bus endorsement unless the applicant is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and has had at least five (5) years of unrestricted driving experience prior to the date of application and the department is fully satisfied as to the applicant's good character, competency, and fitness to be so employed; except, that the department is authorized to issue a school bus endorsement to an applicant younger than twenty-five (25) years of age if the applicant is renewing a school bus endorsement held by the applicant as of June 30, 2017.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.